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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Choong Seng BOON : ATTN: BOX PCT  
Serial No. NEW :  
Filed September 29, 1998 : Attorney's Docket No.  
1489/P1587303  
National Stage of PCT/JP98/00312:  
Filed January 27, 1998 :  
DIGITAL IMAGE PADDING METHOD, :  
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, :  
AND DATA RECORDING MEDIUM :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as  
follows.

In the Specification and Abstract:

Page 51, line 1, change "S22" to --S21--.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claim 15 as follows.

Claim 15, line 1, change "A digital image decoding  
apparatus" to --An image processing apparatus--.

ATTACHMENT D